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MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

State Police Investigate Serious Injury Crash

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GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MI. On June 22 at approximately 12:15 a.m., troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Traverse City Post were in the area of Cass Road north of Dendrin Drive in Garfield Township, when they observed a damaged electrical pole and a vehicle on its side with the engine compartment engulfed with flames. Troopers and deputies from the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department extinguished the fire and observed two occupants in the vehicle, one being unresponsive.

The driver, a 28-year-old female from Northport, was responsive when contacted by troopers. The passenger, a 35-year-old man from Traverse City, was unresponsive upon contact. Due to the electrical pole being snapped in half and electrical wires hanging approximately six feet off the roadway, troopers were unable to reach the occupants of the vehicle. First aid instructions were given to the driver by troopers until they were extracted by the Traverse City Fire Department. The driver was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The passenger was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash and this incident remains under investigation.

Troopers were assisted by the Gaylord Post, Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department, Traverse City Police Department, Traverse City Fire Department, and Mobile Medical Response.

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